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To: California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee

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Director

Subject: Program Budget, Resources and Tracking – Action: Committee Guidance

Summary

The CALFED Program's Record of Decision (ROD) includes a finance plan for Stage 1 of CALFED Program implementation and lays out the actions and programs for carrying out the Decision. The CALFED agencies and Program will be held accountable for expenditure of the funds and will measure progress made on all elements of the Program. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update on the current and proposed budget for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, discuss implications of potential resource constraints and provide a proposed strategy for dealing with funding and resource shortfalls. We will also report on our Program tracking system and progress made on carrying out specific CALFED Program elements.

CALFED requests guidance from the Committee on the strategy and your role in responding to the funding shortfalls for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and ensuring an accountable Program.

Background

Attached for the Committee's information is the CALFED Year 2 budget information (Attachments 1-3, current year) and the Year 3 proposed budget information (Attachments 4-6, begins July 1, 2002). The bar charts summarize the differences (in most cases shortfalls) between the current and proposed budgets and the original funding needs projected in the ROD.

At the Committee meeting, Program staff will describe in more detail the program impacts of the funding shortfall in Years 2 and 3. In Year 3, three CALFED programs are requesting Proposition 40 funds, the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Parks Bond). If the Parks Bond does not pass, the impacts to those programs will increase in Year 3.

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California

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Delta Protection Commission
Department of Conservation
San Francisco Bay Conservation
and Development Commission

California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Health Services
Department of Food and Agriculture

Federal

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Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Forest Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Western Area Power Administration

Assuming the voters approve Proposition 40 on March 5th, the primary shortfalls and impacts in Years 2 and 3 are in the following program elements:

Year 2 Impacts/Shortfalls

- Environmental Water Account
- Science
- Drinking Water Quality
- Water Conservation Grants
- Levees
- Watershed

Year 3 Impacts/Shortfalls

- Environmental Water Account
- Science
- Drinking Water Quality
- Water Conservation Grants
- Levees
- Surface storage
- Program Oversight & Coordination

To address the funding shortfalls in the current year and to reduce future shortfalls, the following strategy is proposed:

- 1) Rely more on the lead agencies to conduct tasks. This primarily addresses shortfalls in staffing rather than shortfalls in grant and project funding.
- 2) Rely more on stakeholder groups, including the Committee and its Subcommittees, to ensure a balanced and progressive Program.
- 3) Promote the governance proposal to streamline administrative processes (for example contracting).
- 4) Seek more long-term funding, such as through state water bond measures and federal authorization for the Program.
- 5) Rely more on staff, rather than consultants.
- 6) Reallocate general funds from Program Activities to Oversight and Coordination.

Support for the strategy will be contingent on a reliable and accessible tracking system to ensure the CALFED Program and agencies are accountable for their actions and projects. Staff will walk you through the system and points where the system and information will be accessible to stakeholders and the public. At the meeting, you will receive a tracking report for specific Program elements.

Action

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Attachments

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